

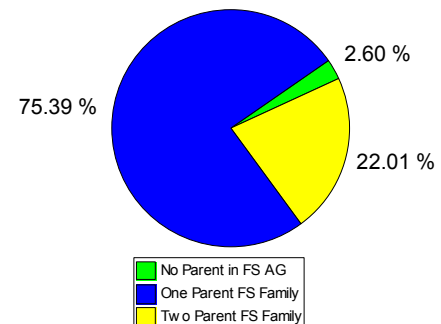
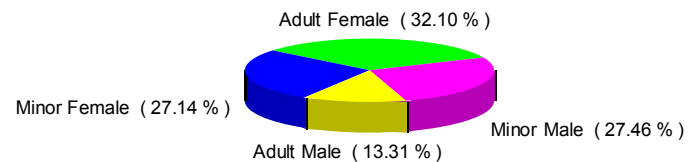
Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

All data is for (or as of) the month of July, 2002¹

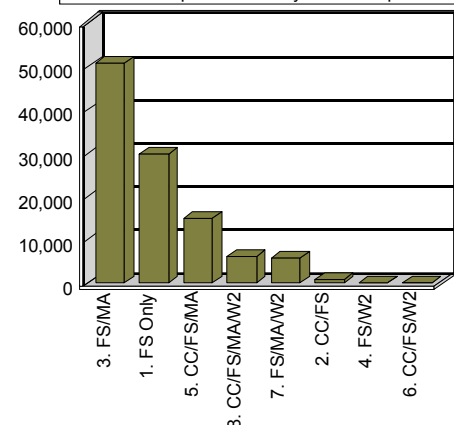
Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 5% of the 5.4 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.² On average from 1998 - 2000, 8.8% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.³
- **Assistance Groups (AGs)/Individuals:** 108,236 Assistance groups are made up of 268,887 individuals. The AG size increased slightly after two straight months of decreases. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.
- **Gender:** 59% are female and 41% are male.
- **Adults/Minors:** 45% are adults while 55% are minors. 60% of AGs have minors in them.
- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 75.39% have one parent in the AG, 22.01% have two parents, and 2.60% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological parent.
- **Parents That Are Minors:** 954 minors in 937 FS AGs are parents. That's 1/3 of 1 percent of the individuals that receive FS.
- **Case Composition:** The graph on the right shows other types of CARES issued assistance that a FS AG receives.

Adult Status and Gender Chart



Number of Open FS AGs by Case Composition

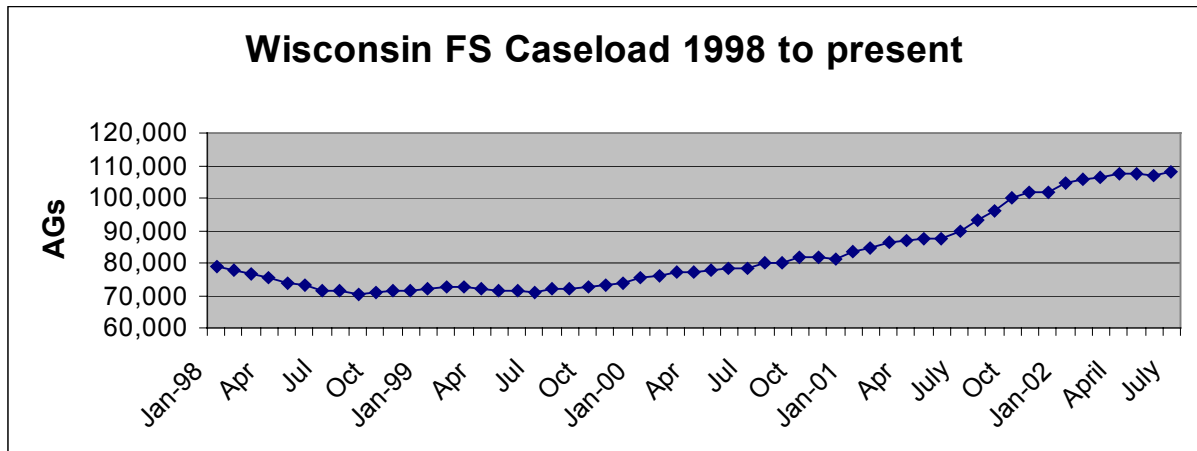


¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

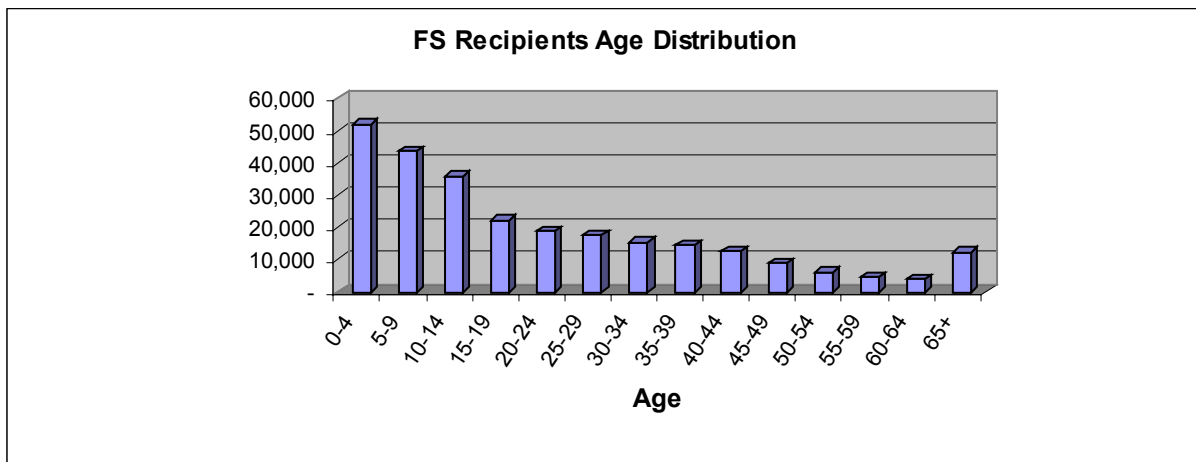
² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

³ Source: U. S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf>

- **Historical Caseload Trend:** The statewide caseload had been increasing at a steady rate since May of 2000. After a two month decrease, the caseload increased again this month.

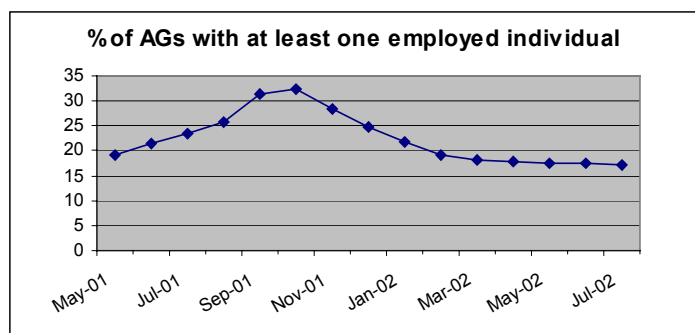


- **Age Distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in ranges of 5 years. The largest age group is comprised of children under age 4.



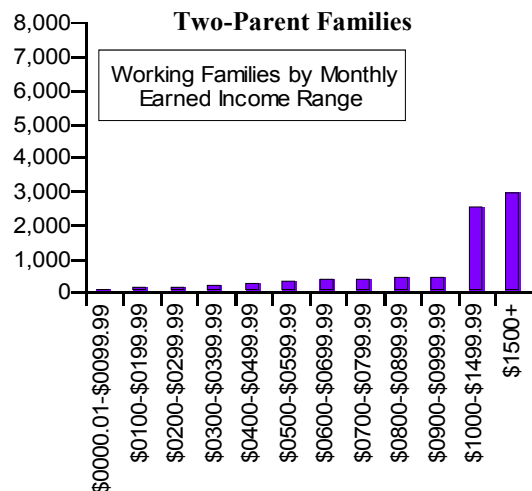
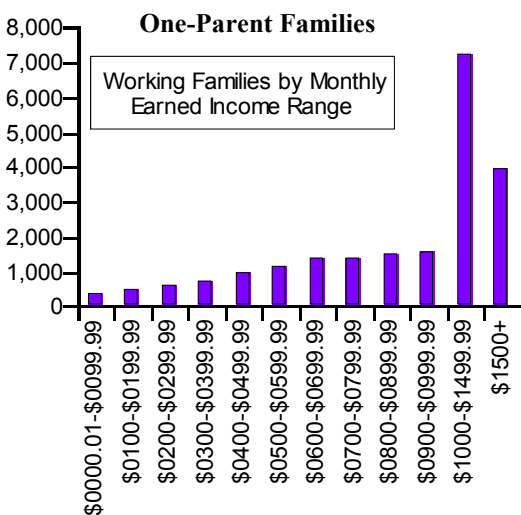
- **Elderly/Disabled:** 17.2% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 42% of AGs contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled.

- **Work/Earnings:** 17.2% of the AGs have at least one person working. This is a slight decrease from last month. The average monthly earned income of those AGs' is \$977, a 1% increase from last



month.⁴ 32.1% of adult FS recipients are employed, a slight decrease from last month. The unemployment rate in Wisconsin is for July 2002 is 4.7%.⁵

- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are working. Working families make up 27.5% of the statewide FS AGs, average about 4 persons per AG, and average \$1,128 in earned income per month. Other stats are available below.



	Working Family AGs	Avg. Recipients per AG	Avg. Earned Income per AG/month	Avg. Unearned Income per AG/month	Avg. FS Allotment per AG/month
One-Parent	21,499	3.2	\$1,060	\$191	\$160
Two-Parent	8,251	4.9	\$1,308	\$216	\$235
Combined	29,750	3.7	\$1,129	\$198	\$181

- **Able Bodied Adults (With or Without Dependents) and Employment:** 45% of Able Bodied Adult FS recipients (non elderly, non-disabled adults) are employed. These individuals may or may not have children.

⁴ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility or the allotment amount.

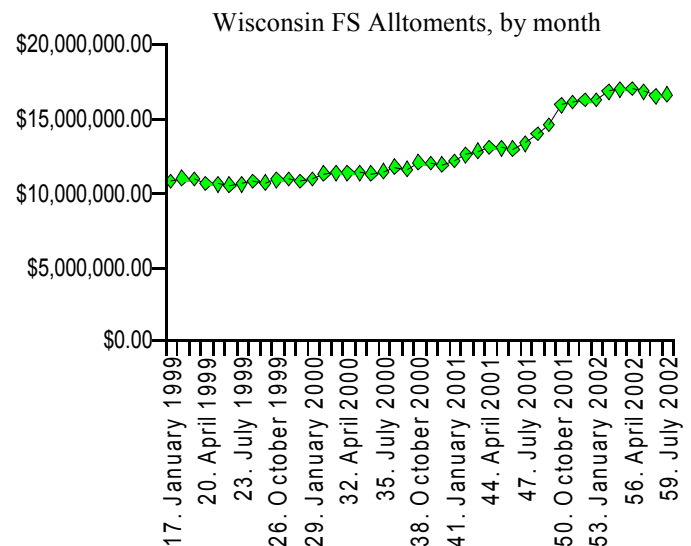
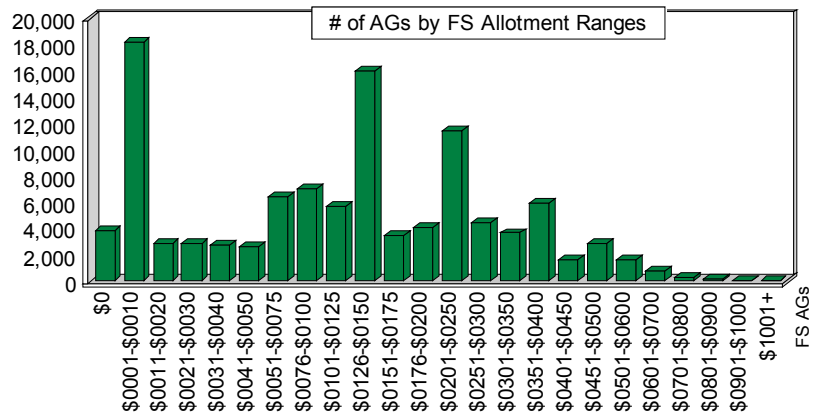
⁵ Source: DWD Labor Market Information at http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi/employ_civilianlaborForce.htm

- **Allotments:** A total of \$16.6 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$153. The average allotment for AGs that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is \$91.

However, 20% of the caseload only receives between \$0 and \$10 in allotments. Allotments have increased an average of 20% in the last 12 benefit months.

- **Quality Control Error Rate**

Data: For FFY 2001, Wisconsin's error rate was 13.14 %. The national average was 8.66%. The average error rate so far for FFY 2002 (October 2001 - April 2002) is 12.5%. Previous years' data is found below:



Fiscal Year	Federal Target	Wisconsin Error Rate	Difference	Sanction Liability
1991	10.31%	10.05%	-.26%	None
1992	10.31%	9.32%	-.99%	None
1993	10.81%	9.51%	-1.30%	None
1994	10.32%	10.51%	+.19%	\$8,544.00
1995	9.7%	12.1%	+2.40%	\$1,370,000.00
1996	9.2%	11.61%	+2.41%	\$1,224,955.00
1997	9.89%	13.7%	+3.81%	\$2,200,000.00
1998	10.69%	14.58%	+3.89%	\$689,391.00
1999	9.88%	11.8%	+1.92%	\$606,466.00
2000	8.91%	12.0%	+3.09%	\$1,671,222.00
2001	8.66%	13.14%	+4.48%	\$2,800,000.00
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